be pleased to make an enquiry whether as a matter of fact the contractor purchased 30,000 maunds at such a low price as 2 annas per maund and supplied the same?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The report says that there was no such complaint.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Are the Government aware that he actually purchased it at 2 annas from the Government Depot, Tuticorin, and supplied the same at Alleppey?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The purchase is one and the supply is another. Whether he did supply it at Alleppey depot is the question at issue. The Excise Commissioner says that there was no such complaint.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : I want to know whether the contractor purchased his salt at Tuticorin and supplied it at Alleppey?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no such report from the Excise Commissioner or complaint from the public.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether such a salt was purchased?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : If necessary.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): I think it is necessary. Because I know such powdered salt was sold at Tuticorin by the British Government and therefore the enquiry is highly necessary.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It will be enquired into.

Road west of the S. N. V. English High School, Nedunganda.

66. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the dangerous condition of the road running west of the S. N. V. School, Nedunganda ;

(*b*) whether the inhabitants of this locality presented a petition to the Dewan regarding this and also the extension of the road to Onnatumpalam, a distance of one furlong, when he visited the school ; and

(*c*) whether they will take early steps to redress this grievance?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) An estimate for the improvement of the road is being prepared by the Public Works Department. Action will be taken after the estimate is prepared.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : With reference to part (*b*), may I know when the inhabitants presented a petition to the Dewan?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That information is not before me.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know when the orders were passed for the estimates being prepared?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No such order was issued by the Government. The estimate is coming up from the lowest officer to the Chief Engineer. It is now before the Chief Engineer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know when orders were issued for the preparation of the estimate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The petition received was sent to the Chief Engineer. It is upon that that action is being taken. The estimate is prepared by the Sub-divisional Officer and will go to the Chief Engineer through the Executive Engineer. It is now with the Chief Engineer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know when they began the preparation of the estimate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that. The petition was forwarded on the 18th November 1925.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Does he remember approximately whether it was before or after the Budget Session last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be before that. I do not know whether this petition was one directly presented to the Dewan.

Instructions re Admission of Students to the Science College.

67. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued any letter of directions to the Science College with regard to the admission of students during 1927-28; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of that letter will be laid on the table together with the reasons which weighed with the Director for issuing such directions this year (1102)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. Similar instructions were issued to the Principals of the Arts College and the College for Women.

(*b*) A copy* of the letter is laid on the table.

The instructions were issued in order to prevent overcrowding in the colleges in the interest of the students and of efficient instruction.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Director issued the order on his own initiative or whether the Government had given any direction to the Director?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have not given any direction.

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 257.

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